

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH

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ments of the house have been made since present owner took possession. The most valuable among them are the change in the divisions of the stage, and the removal of a row of private boxes which formerly lined the gallery immediately over the dress circle. part of the house has been entirely revolutionized, seats have been put in, and the upholsterers have them as comfortable as need be. The old cushion boxes have been cut away, and the width of the stage has been lessened twelve feet, which not only reduces that dreary waste to manageable and practical proportions, and brings the performers in speaking distance of each other, but so concentrates the scene that the spectator can see all the characters at once, which, perhaps, is a commendable improvement. The two mysterious chambers, three mud-colored forests and the impossible staid scene, which formerly composed the entire scenery, have been superseded, and are now a state of refractory. The anomalous dour-curtain, its inexplicable jumble of Alpine and tropical scenes, no more puzzles the optics of wondering idlers, but is supplanted by the ever grateful and agreeable curtain of green cloth, which, in its turn, veiled by a tasteful act-drap. The new scenery

cellent and appropriate, for which the artists are worthy of all praise. All the interior arrangements have been made in a spirit of liberality, and where the work is entirely completed, there will be no better in the city affording better facilities to all the actors to see and hear. Some parts of the house have been newly decorated, and whatever of novel interest has been attempted is rather neat and useful than gaudy, glaring and repulsive. The pub-lic to congratulate themselves upon the removal of the "tormentor" wings which formerly disfigured the front of the stage, and very unnecessarily made it even shallower and more disproportionate than it formerly was; and also upon the fact that the strange-looking females in the metallic burial-cases, supporting stage boxes, look much less grim than they did of olden season.

The performance went off very smoothly. Mr. ... ..

He begged the audience to overlook any defects which they might be able to discover in a first night's performance.

Smith and Mr. Charles Fisher were also called of. Of the new accessions to the company we may speak hereafter.

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**SOMETHING NEW.**—On the occasion of the monster Musical Festival which is to come off at the Crystal Palace on Thursday next, a test vote as the victors for the Presidency will be taken, and the result ascertained at the conclusion of the Concert. Four separate ticket offices will be opened, three bearing the names of the respective American, Democratic and Radical candidates, and the fourth for non-voters. Tickets of admittance will be prepared accordingly.

Owing to the immediate occupancy of the hall by the American Institute there can be no session of the Concert.

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The General Convention of Universalists meets this evening, in Erie, Pa., on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The Rev. A. A. Miller of Boston will preach the occasional sermon. The Rev. Abel C. Thomas of Philadelphia reports progress, from a Committee of which he is chairman, on the preparation of a Book of Forms for Public and Family Worship—the forms to be used in connection with a series of sermons by the ablest exponents in the denomination. It is calculated that half a hundred Christian circles will be formed during the ensuing year for Public Worship where there is sufficient ability to maintain a clergyman; each electing a Reader to lead in prayer, select the

and to read the sermon of the day. By this, it is calculated that the best efforts of Chapin, Gray, Thomas, Welch, Miner, Whitmore, Thayer, Streeters, Austin, Bingham, &c., will be steadily read to simultaneously in a thousand town halls, school-houses, assembly rooms and log cabins from New-Brunswick to Nebraska, and without imposing but the most trifling pecuniary burdese. This is a grand one, and will yet be adopted, and every improved upon, by all the congregational, as distinguished from prelatical denominations of Christy. Mr. Thomas has the Book of Forms recently for final revision and publication.

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The Hon. Charles A. Mann of Utica has recently elected President, and J. D. Reid, esq., recently for many years past one of the principal managers of the National New-Orleans Line, has been appointed Superintendent of the New-York and Buffalo Telegraph Line. Mr. Reid, upon whom we understand the management of the Line will devolve, is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of his office to entire satisfaction of the patrons of the Line, and to promote the best interests of the stockholders. This is a leading as it does directly to the great West and New-Orleans, does nearly twice the amount of business of any other leading from the city. The public, therefore, have a deep interest in its management, we feel confident that the new Superintendent and faithful assistants will fully meet the expectations of its numerous patrons.

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There is great excitement at Providence, R. I., in regard to the mass meeting on Wednesday to-morrow. Messrs. Wilson, Shaffer, Underwood, Stanton, and ten others have agreed to speak.